(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Adequate steps 'nave been taken by Archaeological Survey of India as per the recommendation of the Expert Committee to ensure structural stability and preservation of sculptured panel etc.

**Setting up of Technology Mission by Railways**

552. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new technology missions soon for the railways to develop its own technology for the future; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the progress about the 15 year corporate plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. RDSO has submitted its technology development plan in which five Missions have been identified for technology development:—

Mission I; To develop technology for operation of 4500 T freight services at double the existing average speeds on mixed traffic routes;

Mission II: To develop technology for operation of passenger services up to 160 kmph on mixed routes and 200 kmph on dedicated routes;

Mission III: To develop technology for heavy haul freight trains upto 1800 T trailing loads at 75 kmph;

Mission IV: To develop technology for upgradation of Metre Gauge systems covering passenger- and freight services and transhipment facilities; and

Mission V: To develop capacity for absorbing futuristic technologies.

(b) Indian Railways Corporate Plan 1985—2000 has been finalised and published.

**Impounding of Shipping Corporation of India ship "Vishwa Nandin" by Bombay Customs**

553. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO;
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a vessel of the Shipping Corporation of India "Vishwa Nandini" was impounded by the Bombay Customs on charges of smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantities of narcotics and brown sugar were seized from the ship; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the crew, employees of a public sector undertaking, who have been engaging themselves in this anti-national activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. have referred to the Shipping Master, Bombay, cancellation of registration for employment of the 2 crew members who were found to be involved by the customs authorities.

**तार विभाग द्वारा हड़ताल**

554. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री रशीद मसूद :
श्री गुरुदास दास गुप्त :
श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में तार विभाग के अनेकों कर्मचारी